

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-07
(Supersedes Executive Order 90-01, 92-03, 2003-07)

Establishing the Governor's Council on Innovation and Technology

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 90-01, as superseded by Executive Orders 92-03 and 2003-07, the Arizona Science and Technology Council has acted as a catalyst for developing state policies in science and technology; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Science and Technology Council has supported and stimulated technological innovation in the State of Arizona and improved the state's competitiveness in attracting and fostering science and technology business; and

WHEREAS, the constantly evolving nature of our technology industries requires new perspectives and approaches to stimulate technological innovation and advancement in the State of Arizona;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order and direct:

1. The *Governor's Council on Innovation and Technology* (the "Council") is hereby created and shall replace the Arizona Science and Technology Council. The Council shall be charged with:
 - Strengthening the innovation and technology infrastructure of Arizona;
 - Enhancing university research and education in high technology fields;
 - Inspiring cooperation between industry and university researchers; and
 - Creating and retaining high quality jobs in Arizona.
2. The Governor shall appoint members to the Council who shall serve without compensation at the pleasure of the Governor.
3. The membership of the Council shall include:
 - One or more representatives of the research departments of Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona;
 - The Chair or other representative of the Arizona Technology Council;
 - The Chair or other representative of a Southern Arizona technology-related organization;
 - One or more policy-level corporate executives;
 - One or more local seed/venture capital executive(s) active in funding Arizona companies; and
 - Any other members as the Governor deems appropriate.
4. The Governor shall appoint a Chairperson each June and the Council shall meet at the call of the Chair at least four (4) times annually.

5. Members of the Council may, with the Governor's permission, send designees to serve on the Council; provided, however, that such designees shall have been delegated by the member with full authority to vote and otherwise act on behalf of the member.
6. The Council shall:
 - Develop and recommend policies and programs that enhance and encourage innovation and technology for Arizona;
 - Develop and periodically update a blueprint for technology-based economic development in Arizona through the creation of a long-term strategic plan for innovation and technology;
 - Provide the framework, and a forum for ideas, to enable Arizona to become a global leader in innovation and technology research, development and product creation;
 - Monitor changes in global economic conditions that may justify a re-orientation of Arizona's technology programs;
 - Identify future fields of science and technology that offer potential for application in Arizona;
 - Serve as the principal advisory group to the Governor and, if so requested, the Arizona Legislature, on innovation and technology policy issues facing the State;
 - Stimulate technology transfer among and within higher education institutions and industry, including transfers of information available from federal agencies; and
 - Report to the Governor quarterly on an informal basis, and electronically submit an annual written report to the Governor not later than the first day of November of each year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Arizona.


GOVERNOR



April ~~March~~ **DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix this 4th day of ~~March~~ in the Year Two Thousand Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE